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FROM: Utilities Division

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DATE: February 19, 1998

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY TRICO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
OF UNBUNDLED AND STANDARD OFFER SERVICE TARIFFS PURSUANT TO
A.A.C. R14-2-1606 (DOCKET NO. E-01461A-97-0696)

On February 13, 1998, Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Coop) filed its unbundled and standard offer service tariffs pursuant R14-2-1606. In this filing, the Coop has priced electric service elements such as distribution, metering and billing. The Coop also stated that it intends to use its current tariff as the standard offer tariff but may revise the standard offer at a later date.

Effective December 26, 1996, the Commission adopted rules governing the parameters of retail electric competition. Pursuant to R14-2-1606(C), each incumbent utility must file Unbundled Service Tariffs to provide the following services to all eligible purchasers on a nondiscriminatory basis: Distribution service; Meter and meter reading service; Billing and collection service; Open access transmission service; Ancillary services; Information services; and Other ancillary services necessary for safe and reliable system operation. Pursuant to R14-2-1606(B), each incumbent utility may also file proposed tariffs to provide standard offer bundled service.

Due to the size and magnitude of the filing, Staff is recommending the Commission suspend the filing for a period of one hundred and twenty days.

Roy T. Williams
for

Morris H. Wolff
Director
Utilities Division

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1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

2 **JIM IRVIN**
Commissioner - Chairman
3 **RENZ D. JENNINGS**
Commissioner
4 **CARL J. KUNASEK**
Commissioner
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6 **IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)**
TRICO ELECTRIC)
7 **COOPERATIVE, INC. OF UNBUNDLED)**
AND STANDARD OFFER SERVICE)
8 **TARIFFS PURSUANT TO)**
A.A.C. R14-2-1606)
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DOCKET NO. E-01461A-97-0696

DECISION NO. _____

ORDER

10 **Open Meeting**
February 24 and 25, 1998
11 **Phoenix, Arizona**

12 **BY THE COMMISSION:**

13 **FINDINGS OF FACT**
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15 1. **Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. (TEC or Coop) is certified to provide electric**
16 **service as a public service corporation in the State of Arizona.**

17 2. **On February 13, 1998, the Coop filed its unbundled and standard offer service**
18 **tariffs pursuant R14-2-1606. In this filing, the Coop has priced electric service elements such as**
19 **distribution, metering and billing. The Coop also stated that it intends to use its current tariff as**
20 **the standard offer tariff but may revise the standard offer at a later date.**

21 3. **Effective December 26, 1996, the Commission adopted rules governing the**
22 **parameters of retail electric competition. Pursuant to R14-2-1606(C), each incumbent utility**
23 **must file Unbundled Service Tariffs to provide the following services to all eligible purchasers**
24 **on a nondiscriminatory basis: Distribution service; Meter and meter reading service; Billing and**
25 **collection service; Open access transmission service; Ancillary services; Information services;**
26 **and Other ancillary services necessary for safe and reliable system operation. Pursuant to R14-2-**
27 **1606(B), each incumbent utility may also file proposed tariffs to provide standard offer bundled**
28 **service.**

1 4. Due to the size and magnitude of the filing, Staff is recommending the
2 Commission suspend the filing for a period of one hundred and twenty days.

3 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4 1. TEC is an Arizona public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV,
5 Section 2, of the Arizona Constitution.

6 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over TEC and over the subject matter of the
7 application.

8 3. The Commission, having reviewed the tariff pages (copies of which are contained
9 in the Commission tariff files) and Staff's Memorandum dated February 19, 1998 concludes that
10 it is in the public interest to suspend the filing for a period of one hundred twenty days.

11 ORDER

12 THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the tariff filing be and hereby suspended until and
13 including June 12, 1998.

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

15 **BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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COMMISSIONER - CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONER

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19 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JACK ROSE, Executive
20 Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have
21 hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this
22 Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of
23 Phoenix, this _____ day of _____ 1998.

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JACK ROSE
25 Executive Secretary

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27 DISSENT _____

28 MHW:JVW:djg/PAB

Decision No. _____